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Frosh firm's promo draws fire

To party, or not to party? Student says firm promotes binging, but company says it's all just marketing**LUCY SCHOLEY**

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A University of Ottawa student says a company that runs frosh-week parties is “preying” on her peers, promoting binge and underage drinking as well as substance abuse, but the company calls the allegations “slandorous.”

Liisa Steinwedel, a fifth-year student leader, is accusing Aficionado Studios of organizing an unsafe frosh week and marketing to 17- and 18-year-old students.

The student-run company, which is not affiliated with any university, is planning Ottawa Frosh Week 2014, which it says is open to all post-secondary students in the city. According to a marketing video posted to YouTube, the “crazy week” involves a beach party, beer treasure hunt and “daily club & house parties.”

**A screengrab from a controversial frosh-party promo video shows the moment just before two women spill out of a shopping cart in a montage of what appears to be drunken hijinks. To see the full video, go to metronews.ca. SCREENGAB/FACEBOOK**

A promotional video shows scantily clad women having pillow fights, running their hands through what appears to be piles of marijuana, as well as people dancing at raves and drinking what appears to be alcohol.

“We all have nights like this #blackout” is superimposed on a clip of someone lying on the floor. A man who appears to

be drunk stumbles into a wall in a washroom, while another clip shows two swimsuit-clad women tumbling out of a grocery cart and face-planting into a roadway.

It's unclear where the clips were filmed.

Aficionado Studios said the video was merely a marketing tool, and no alcohol or illegal substances were used in the

filming: “just props.”

“These allegations are merely an attempt to give slanderous views against our company and our new annual frosh week,” says an emailed statement from Aficionado in response to Steinwedel's comments. “Drug use, binge drinking & fake ids are not acceptable at Aficionado Studios, and our paid/reliable staff is prepared to handle

these situations accordingly.”

The Aficionado Facebook page has more than 2,000 likes, and more than 300 people have said they will attend Ottawa Frosh Week 2014.

The University of Ottawa coins its introductory week “101 Week.” Activities vary between faculties but can include movie or board-game nights or a day trip to a water park.

Students have the option to attend “dry” or “wet” events, depending on whether they want to drink alcohol.

“With this frosh week though, they're not being told it's a separate week,” said Steinwedel. “They think that Frosh Week is the be-all and end-all. I've had students message me saying, ‘What is this Frosh Week? What's the difference between Frosh Week and 101 Week?’ ... This company is not telling them the difference.”

Aficionado Studios said in its statement its planned week is intended to complement orientation activities at other universities and its purpose is to bring students together.

“Almost everyone we've spoken to agrees that their biggest regret in first year was not meeting enough people or making enough friends,” it states.

While Steinwedel says many students do want to party during that first week of school, they should not feel “forced” to.

“It's scary being new to university, and I would hate for these people to be exposed to a culture that isn't necessarily university life and be scared to come to university,” she said.

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MediaMiser

Ottawa startup sells to U.S. firm for close to \$6M

Ottawa-based MediaMiser, an 11-year-old media analysis company, announced Tuesday it has been sold to a U.S. company for \$5.78 million, with a provision for an additional \$5 million "earn-out" if it meets certain revenue targets by May 2017. MediaMiser will remain based in Ottawa, and its team of 53 people is staying put for now.

LUCY SCHOLEY/METRO

Bathgate and Montreal

Motorcyclist killed in crash with car

Emergency workers say a man was rushed to hospital Tuesday night without vital signs after his motorcycle and a car collided. The crash happened around 6 p.m. at the intersection of Bathgate Drive and Montreal Road. The driver of the car was treated for a hip injury and was said to be in stable condition in hospital.

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Upper Ottawa Valley OPP

SIU clears officer

The Special investigations Unit has cleared an Upper Ottawa Valley OPP officer of any criminal wrongdoing in an arrest that turned violent. The SIU ruled the police officer was justified in punching a man holding a beer bottle after the man sucker-punched the officer. When he was struck, the officer had been handcuffing another man wanted on a domestic matter.

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Judge could dismiss video of man confessing to stabbing his mother

An Ottawa courtroom heard an accused man on a video tell a police officer he stabbed his mother during a heated altercation last October, but a judge will soon decide if the statement is admissible.

"The breaking point was a long time ago, but I just couldn't take it," said Zeiad Hammoud last fall in a videotaped interview with Det. Tim Nolan, which was played

Quoted

"My parents had been fighting for more than 10 years now. I've had enough of it."

Zeiad Hammoud in a videotaped interview

in court.

On the second day of his trial, Hammoud represented

himself as the Crown questioned four police witnesses who gave their accounts of the Oct. 15, 2013 incident.

Hammoud, 33, has pleaded not guilty to attempted murder, aggravated assault, assault with a weapon and uttering threats. He is accused of stabbing his mother, Iman, in the back.

In the video, Hammoud could be heard saying he stabbed his mom and describ-

ing his parents' difficult past. But at issue is whether or not Nolan properly cautioned the freshly accused man of his rights before posing questions about the incident.

Justice Robert Wadden will rule Wednesday whether or not the stabbing comment is admissible before he delivers a verdict in the judge-alone trial.

The trial continues Wednesday. **JOE LOFARO/METRO**

Ottawa native shortlisted for one-way trip to Mars

'A definite first step.' 54 Canadians have made the Mars One shortlist



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Some people strive to live a greener lifestyle on Earth, but Andrew Rader dreams of living sustainably on Mars.

The 35-year-old Ottawa native is one step closer to reaching that lofty goal. He's one of 705 people shortlisted for a one-way trip to Mars by Mars One — a Netherlands-based non-profit organization planning a human settlement on the Red Planet for 2025.

"I'm driven by trying to decide what I can do with my life to make an impact," said Rader, a graduate of Carleton University's aerospace engineering program.

Rader now lives in Los Angeles and works at SpaceX. He

has a PhD in human spaceflight from MIT and wrote the book *Leaving Earth: Why One-Way to Mars Makes Sense*.

He's dreamed of going to Mars for about 10 years. After he heard about Mars One, he applied along with 200,000 others from around the world.

While Rader said he would miss nature, he would not look back on Earth. His new space family would have to learn how to live on the barren planet, and that would likely include recycling water and waste. It would be the "ultimate in sustainable living," he said.

As a kid, Rader thought space program funding should be spent saving the environment. Now he sees things a bit differently.

"We have to learn how to live sustainably off Earth," he said. "Earth is one small planet. It's a very small part of the universe, and I think it's a direction that we should take to go and explore other planets. This is a definite first step."



Ottawa native Andrew Rader has been shortlisted for a one-way trip to Mars. He is pictured here at the Grand Canyon, not the Red Planet. CONTRIBUTED

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Kinburn resident Darren W. Wood promises to hold back on Phase 2 of the LRT if elected mayor. CONTRIBUTED

This time, Darren W. Wood is in it to win

Mayoral race. Candidate says Watson's spending ways must be stopped



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Darren W. Wood says he ran for mayor of Niagara Falls in 2003 not because he thought he would win, but because he wanted to ensure the Falls-view Casino was built.

But now the 45-year-old Kinburn resident is running for Ottawa's top elected seat with a different attitude.

"I can take on Jim Watson and I can win," he said.

Wood, the former owner of a construction company who's now a semi-retired wedding officiant, initially planned to run for the Stittsville council seat but recently changed his mind.

"The more fiscal irrespon-

sibility I was seeing ... the more it was driving me crazy," he said.

"(Watson) wants festivals, he wants events, he wants a pro sports team for every category of sports we've got going.... We can't afford all this."

If elected mayor, Wood plans to hold back on building the second phase of the light rail transit (LRT) project to ensure it's viable and has enough funding, scale back tax hikes to less than one per cent for two years, bring back weekly garbage pickup and cut closed-door meetings in the name of more transparency.

Wood, a Niagara Falls native who has been living in

Ready to race

"People don't have confidence in the current council."

Darren W. Wood, candidate for Ottawa's mayoral seat

Candidates

Who else is running?

- Bernard Couchman
- Mike Maguire
- Jim Watson
- Robert White

the Ottawa area for about 10 years, first got involved in politics in the 1980s when he fought to keep a Santa Claus parade in town.

"I got that little taste, and politics has been my favourite blood sport ever since," he said.

When Wood ran for mayor in Niagara, he placed third with 1.4 per cent of the vote. He's up against four other mayoral candidates in this election.

The municipal election will take place on Oct. 27.

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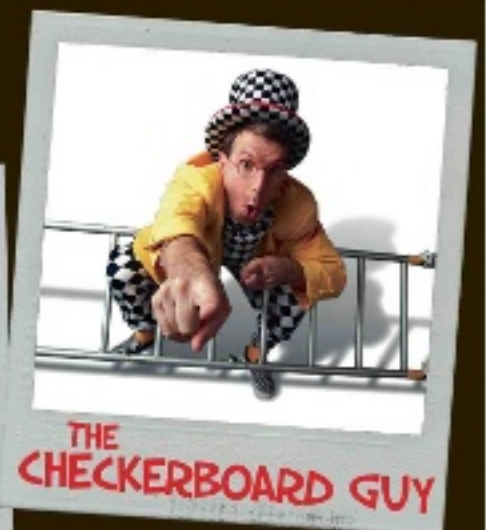
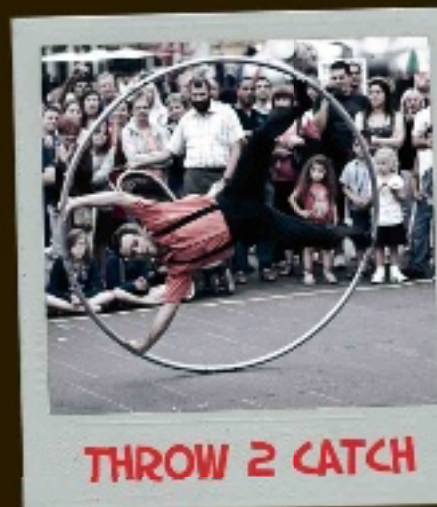
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'We Experiment on Human Beings': OkCupid

Love-finding formula. Matchmaking website co-founder says testing is how you figure out what works

OkCupid on Monday said it messed with members' minds a bit in a bid to refine the formula for finding love at the on-

line matchmaking service.

OkCupid co-founder Christian Rudder made a case for the practice in a blog post titled We Experiment on Human Beings, which came on the heels of criticism of Facebook for tinkering with posts to see how it influenced emotions of members of the leading social network.

"We noticed recently that people didn't like it when Fa-

cebook 'experimented' with their news feed," Rudder said.

"But guess what, everybody: if you use the Internet, you're the subject of hundreds of experiments at any given time, on every site. That's how websites work."

Rudder described how OkCupid hid profile text to find out how important words were compared to people's pictures. It also told some incompatible

folks they were ideal matches to determine if the power of suggestion played into romantic equations.

OkCupid learned that words in profiles mattered little next to pictures and that telling people they were fine matches ramped up the tendency for them to agree.

"When we tell people they are a good match, they act as if they are," Rudder said.

"Even when they should be wrong for each other."

The matchmaking service also tested telling some seemingly perfect pairings they were lousy fits.

It turned out those people were inclined to defy the power of suggestion and grow enamoured of one another anyway, according to statistics posted at OkCupid.

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Facebook

British authorities earlier this month revealed plans to investigate Facebook over an experiment that manipulated the feelings of users, as the social network apologized for its poor handling of the row.

Spending. RCMP should probe former premier's flights: Opposition

Alberta's Wildrose Opposition says there should be an RCMP investigation into former premier Alison Redford's use of government aircraft.

Wildrose finance critic Rob Anderson says the public has an expectation that politicians that may have broken the law should be investigated.

A CBC News report says the provincial auditor general found that Redford's staff blocked others from flying on

government planes by booking seats in advance and then removing passenger names before printing the flight manifest.

Anderson says it appears the governing Progressive Conservatives were using the planes as "personal air limousines."

Redford resigned as premier on March 23 amid caucus complaints about lavish spending. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Then-Alberta premier Alison Redford meets with media following a March meeting of the provincial PC Party executive in Calgary. JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Newfoundland

Soldiers rescue woman before truck explodes

A group of current and former military members who were on vacation in central Newfoundland put their rescue training to use as they pulled a bleeding woman from a burning truck.

Ryan Folkes and five other friends were driving between Grand Falls-Windsor and Badger on their way to go swimming Sunday when they saw smoke fuming out of the overturned vehicle.

Folkes, 26, said that as onlookers shouted for help,

he and his friends administered first aid to the woman, removed her from the truck and brought her to safety just minutes before it burst into flames and exploded.

"We all took off like a shot of a gun towards the truck," Folkes said Tuesday.

He said five of the six had served together in a tank unit and were trained in combat first aid and emergency extraction from vehicles.

Folkes said Danielle Elliott, the wife of one of the soldiers, directed traffic, as he, Ryan Elliott and Adrien Guindon yanked open a door to reach the woman and smashed windows to allow air in. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Vancouver pharmacies the first to provide free HIV testing in Canada

Health care. New pilot project launched in an effort to make getting tested as easy as waiting in line for a prescription



MATT KIELTYKA
Metro in Vancouver

Vancouver is the first city in Canada where you can take a free HIV test at a pharmacy.

Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) and Providence Health Care announced Tuesday that they're piloting the feasibility of local pharmacies offering HIV tests by introducing the test at two Vancouver Medicine Shoppe locations.

"A few years ago, evidence became really compelling that diagnosis at the earliest possible moment is beneficial to



Pharmacy manager Santosh Meher holds up a pamphlet at Vancouver's Medicine Shoppe. MATT KIELTYKA/METRO

patients and their partner," said VCH medical health officer Dr. Reka Gustafson. "We began to greatly expand the availability of HIV testing in health-care settings and also outreach settings. It's had a tremendous impact."

But the health-care system continued to see the infection spreading among young people — who rarely see a doc-

tor or visit hospitals — at concerning rates. So in an effort to make the test as accessible and easy as possible, they decided to launch the pilot project.

"People may know what the healthy thing to do is, but don't always do it," said Gustafson. "Now they have the option of being tested while they wait for a prescription to be filled. We've made it easy for them."

The two Medicine Shoppe pharmacies have private areas where the test can be conducted. The free Rapid HIV test is a simple pinprick blood test that identifies antibodies produced by humans when the HIV virus is present.

The results are available within 60 seconds.

"It's a very good test at ruling out HIV," said Gustafson.

A positive result isn't a diagnosis and requires a follow-up blood test.



Israel bombards symbols of Hamas power in Gaza

A Palestinian inspects the damage to the offices of Hamas' Al-Aqsa satellite TV station, destroyed by an Israeli strike in Gaza City on Tuesday. Israel unleashed its heaviest bombardment in the three-week-old war against Hamas on Tuesday, striking symbols of the militant group's control in Gaza and firing tank shells that Palestinian officials said shut down the strip's only power plant. The fighting came as diplomatic efforts to forge a truce remained stalled, despite a death toll that Palestinian officials said rose above 1,200 on Tuesday. **LEFTERIS PITRAKIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Civil aviation

UN agency aims to toughen airline security after Ukraine disaster

The UN body that governs civil aviation says it is setting up a task force aimed at improving security measures in the wake of the downing of Malaysia Airlines Flight MH17.

The plane was shot down in mid-July by a surface-to-air missile while flying over a war-torn section of Ukraine.

Top officials from four international organizations met in Montreal on Tuesday to discuss risks to civilian aviation in conflict zones.

Raymond Benjamin, the head of the International Civil Aviation Organization, told a news conference the agency will convene a high-level safety meeting with its 191 member states in February 2015.

Benjamin said states have also been reminded of their responsibilities to address any potential risks to civil aviation in their airspace. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Security. BlackBerry acquires Secusmart

BlackBerry is bulking up its security assets with the acquisition of anti-eavesdropping firm Secusmart, which developed technology to protect the smartphones of German government officials, including Chancellor Angela Merkel.

The Waterloo, Ont.-based company revealed plans to add extra power to its mobile security foundation on Tuesday at an event held in New York.

Chief executive John Chen said buying Secusmart addresses growing concerns about threats to individual privacy and national security.

"We are always improving our security solutions to keep up with the growing complexity of enterprise mobility, with devices being used for more critical tasks and to store more critical information, and security attacks becoming more sophisticated," Chen said Tuesday in a news release.

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This ketchup bottle (+land) can be yours for \$500,000

A "for sale" sign sits at the base of a water tower in the shape of a ketchup bottle in Collinsville, Ill., on Friday. The Collinsville water tower is a depiction of Brooks Old Original Rich and Tangy Catsup, which was once produced in the buildings beneath the tower. Now, owner Larry Eckert is seeking \$500,000 US for the 65-year-old, 170-foot-tall landmark and adjacent warehouse.

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Is sifting through your email raising your stress level?

Take a deep breath. Asana aims to bring tranquility (and focus) to your work day by offering an alternative to the deluge of email

Dustin Moskowitz is plotting an escape from email.

The 30-year-old entrepreneur has learned a lot about communication since he teamed up with his college roommate Mark Zuckerberg to create Facebook a decade ago, and that knowledge is fueling an audacious attempt to change the way people connect at work, where the incessant drumbeat of email has become an annoyance.

Moskovitz is trying to turn

that chronic headache into an afterthought with Asana, a San Francisco startup he runs with former Facebook and Google product manager Justin Rosenstein.

Asana peddles software that combines the elements of a communal notebook, social network, instant messaging application and online calendar to enable teams of employees to share information and do most of their jobs without relying on email.

"We are trying to make all the soul-sucking work that comes with email go away," Rosenstein says, as Moskowitz nods while sitting across from him in a former brewery that serves as Asana's headquarters. "This came out of a deep, heart-felt pain that Dustin and I were experiencing, along with just about everyone around us."

The misery keeps mounting in the corporate world, which remains an email haven. This year, each worker using a business email account will send and receive a daily average of 121 mail messages, a 15 per cent increase from 105 per day in 2011, according to The Radicati Group, which tracks email usage.

In contrast, consumers have been weaning themselves off electronic inboxes and increasingly turning to digital alternatives such as Facebook, Twitter and mobile messaging.

More email translates to less productivity as workers spend more time weeding their inboxes and puzzling over convoluted exchanges among a hodgepodge of colleagues and managers scattered in various offices — or sometimes just a cubicle away. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kim Jong Un

Summer camp, North Korea style

Summer camp in North Korea? It's got everything: giant water slides, a private beach — oh, and a big bronze statue of the late leaders Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il surrounded by adoring children.

After some guidance from North Korea's new leader, Kim Jong Un, and a major face-lift, the Songdowon International Children's Camp reopened Tuesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Warren Jeffs

B&B Most Wanted

Continental breakfasts are now being served at a bed-and-breakfast that has opened on the site of a sprawling, mostly unoccupied compound in southern Utah that was built for the leader of a polygamous sect.

America's Most Wanted Suites and Bed and Breakfast takes its name from Warren Jeffs' time on the list of the FBI's 10 most wanted fugitives.

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DOGS: THEY'RE JUST LIKE US

Science is a wonderful thing.

It can determine the age of the universe (13.798 billion years, if you're counting from home).

Or it can find out if your dog gets jealous. Seriously, a study released last week proves that Fido doesn't like it when you scratch behind some other dog's ears, even if the other dog is a stuffed animal.

Researchers at the University of California (it's not, like, Harvard) did an experiment with 36 dog owners and their dogs. First, owners were told to play with a little stuffed dog that barks and wags its tail (Tickle Me Fido?), followed by one of those Halloween jack-o'-lantern treat buckets, followed by reading aloud from a children's popup book.

As you might expect, the dogs were only moderately per-



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turbed by the book and the jack-o'-lantern, although 42 per cent weren't sure about that jack-o'-lantern. But they went all canine when their humans started messing with another dog. In fact, 78 per cent tried to push the toy dog away, and one in four actually snapped at it.

As interesting as this is, dog owners don't need science to tell them their dogs get jealous.

Before the kids came along, we had a dog named Mabel. People would ask, "Where did you come up with a dumb name like Mabel?" I replied that I should have called her Dinner, as that's the only name she'll answer to.

Mabel was not the most affectionate animal but she showed her true colours (black and tan and green all over) the day we brought the first baby home from the hospital. No nudging with her nose or snapping — she just walked into the nursery and deposited a load.

In case there was any doubt about her intentions, 18 months later, when we brought home the second baby, she did exactly the same thing — the only other incident of incontinence in her 17-year existence.

Then there was her body language. Whenever the kids were in the room, Mabel would deliberately turn her back and pointedly ignore them. They grew up traumatized.

Of course, faced with the data, the scientists are showing admirable restraint. "We can't really speak to the dogs' subjective experiences, of course, but it looks as though they were motivated to protect an important social relationship," said Christine Harris, the lead researcher.

Well, duh. Not to mention an important meal ticket. After all, there's more at stake here than a scratch behind the ears.

When you're a dog, you need your best friend more than he or she needs you. So the last thing you need is some other animal — or stupid jack-o'-lantern — competing for tasty snacks that are rightfully yours.

It's a dog's life. And there's no room for another one.

ZUT ALORS!



A rat runs next to a Maillol statue in the Tuileries Garden of the Louvre Museum in Paris, France, Tuesday. Rats have been on a rampage on the grass in broad daylight, defying death threats from sanitation workers.
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The Ratatouille effect? Bold rodents romp around Louvre

Rats are on a rampage in the elegant garden of the Louvre Museum, so bold they romp on the grass in broad daylight, defying threats from sanitation workers and scaring tourists.

The hot weather in Paris has brought many picnicking visitors, whose garbage is a feast for the rats. And they're getting help from animal lovers who dig up poison and give them water.

Maybe it's the Ratatouille

effect, with the beloved French rat Remy from Disney's computer-animated film helping real-life rats win Parisian hearts. The vermin are finding a lifeline from "people who don't want us to kill animals," said Jean-Claude Ndzana Ekani, a museum employee.

Rodents have long made Paris their home. In 2000, mice were caught picnicking on pastries in the window of the luxury shop Fauchon. To the west, moles are an ever-present problem at the Palace of Versailles — which has its own mole-catcher.

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Terror on the Seine

"It's horrible, we're scared of being bitten.... They're really big. Sometimes they fight each other."

Audrey Hacherez, a gardener who weeds flower beds in the formal gardens, as quoted on the theguardian.com

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Save Batkid, save ourselves



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In the Internet's biggest (pre-World Cup) workplace productivity drag, an awful lot of us spent a November day watching San Francisco get a Gotham-sized makeover in a Make A Wish tearjerker for five-year-old Miles Scott — better known as Batkid and now in remission from leukemia.

Filmmaker Dana Nachman is hoping to take a feature-length look at Miles' unforgettable morning and is crowdsourcing the funds to complete Batkid Begins, a documentary on how the whole stunt came together. To tease potential donors, Nachman brought a trailer to this year's Comic-Con, and boy is it sweet. (deadlinehollywood/YouTube)



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Raccoon rockets to stardom

Lovable masked rogues. Real-life or animated, raccoons are making out like bandits in the movie world



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The Guardians of the Galaxy, who made their first appearance in print in 1969, bear very little resemblance to the team of superheroes who will grace the big screen this weekend.

Conspicuous by his absence in the original book is Rocket Raccoon, the heroic character voiced by Bradley Cooper in the film. The feisty raccoon appeared years later, created by writer Bill Mantlo and illustrator Keith Giffen, who named the masked creature in tribute to the Beatles' tune Rocky Raccoon.

They confirmed the Beatles' influence in 1982 with a story that paraphrased John and Paul's lyrics for the title. Called Now Somewhere In the Black Holes of Sirius Major There Lived a Young Boy Named Rocket Raccoon, the book saw the Hulk and Rocket Raccoon stop a villain from stealing Gideon's Bible.

Rocket is the latest raccoon, but not the only, to become a mammalian movie star. Recently Liam Neeson starred in the animated movie The Nut Job, playing the imaginatively named Raccoon, the patriarch of a park, who might not have the best interests of the other animals top of mind.

Other animated raccoons have worked steadily. Meeko, the raccoon from Disney's Pocahontas and Pocahontas II: Journey to a New World cartoon also makes appearances in



Guardians of the Galaxy superheroes include Rocket Raccoon voiced by Bradley Cooper. CONTRIBUTED

Cancel the stunt doubles

Zoe comes out swinging

Guardians of the Galaxy might mark Zoe Saldana's first Marvel movie, but she's no stranger to stunt work. When it came time to get fighting, the Star Trek and Avatar star had plenty of past experience to call upon. "There's muscle memory of the things I've done the past seven or eight years. I was able to kind of relax with my body and work with the stunt co-ordinators, but not excessively like I've done on other films," she says. "Chris [Pratt] was like, 'I know you're very stunt-y, but just be yourself.' Around the third take he's like, 'Take it easy, baby. There's your mark.'"

Pratt happily concurs: "She whacked me a few times. I can guarantee she

can knock anybody out. She's got a very strong kick and she's not afraid to use it."

But she is concerned with exactly how she uses it, especially when bringing Gamora, an alien bred to be an assassin, to life. "I didn't want Gamora to look like any typical action person that's martial artsy, that just does those Underworld jumps and lands on the ground and it breaks. I wanted her to be a little more graceful and classy in the way she fights," Saldana explains. "She has to be seductive to trick her enemy into falling into their own death."

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Zoe Saldana
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Real-life raccoons

Real-life raccoons are also getting work — in films like Rascal and The Details — but according to director Steve Carr they can present some problems.

- Tough guy actor Michael Rappaport voiced Joey, the consigliere raccoon, in Dr. Dolittle 2.
- The film featured over-250 four-legged cast members — including wolves, giraffes, bears, possums, raccoons, dogs, and owls — so Carr says.
- "A huge percentage of our work was waiting for the animals to do what they're trained to do. And the patience that was needed well, it felt at times as if it were Herculean."

Mickey's Magical Christmas: Snowed in at the House of Mouse and in the Pocahontas video game.

Then there's RJ from Over the Hedge, a lovable raccoon voiced by Bruce Willis.

"The rascally charm Bruce Willis brought to Moonlighting makes RJ a lovable rogue, or at least a likable one," said director Karey Kirkpatrick.

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Sequel bares its sharking-eating grin

Fin-stastic. Sharknado 2 delivers a storm of laughs as it sinks its teeth into Manhattan

Don't worry about me. The Sharknado Evacuation map supplied by Syfy network places me, as a resident of Lower Manhattan, smack in the zone most in peril this sharknado season. But I'll be ready.

You might as well batten down the hatches, too. Sharknado 2: The Second One (which, if you hadn't guessed, is an encore follow-up sequel to last summer's campy classic) premieres Wednesday (Space, 9 p.m. EDT).

The original Sharknado depicted a weather aberration on the Southern California coast that caused bloodthirsty sharks to rain on hapless Angelenos. But hunky beach-bar owner Fin Shepard (get it: fin shepherd?!) saved the day with a makeshift shark explosion.

Now he's back. Again

played by Beverly Hills, 90210 alum Ian Ziering, Fin, in the aftermath of his sharknado trauma, is heading to New York City for a quiet visit along with his beloved ex, April (the returning Tara Reid). It won't surprise you to learn that an even bigger, badder sharknado siege awaits him.

That's the bad news. The good news: Sharknado 2 is a hilarious must-see treat.

The original film erupted as a social-media and pop-culture phenomenon, mostly celebrated for its unwitting awfulness. It was a throwback to drive-in movies of 50 years ago that you would have ignored while you and your date put your attention elsewhere. A would-be blend of Jaws and Baywatch, it was funny, but never seemed to be in on the joke.

Against all odds, Sharknado 2 has wised up. Though it and its performers team with conviction — no winking at the audience here — the film is unabashedly awash with fun. And unlike laid-back Cali, New York — always spoil-



Ian Ziering, as Fin Shepard, battles a shark on a New York City street in a scene from Sharknado 2: The Second One.
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ing for a fight — is the perfect arena for dramatic strife, even from killer sharks cascading from the sky.

In fact, Sharknado 2 serves as a paean to the Big Apple. Veteran comedian Robert Klein (playing the mayor of New York in one of the film's

numerous celebrity cameos) delivers a rousing call-to-arms for all New Yorkers: "When something bites us, we bite back!" Hizzoner said a mouthful!

Adding to the merriment are the many New York locations. Director Anthony C.

Ferrante (back again for the sequel, as is screenwriter Thunder Levin) proves himself as a guerrilla filmmaker, capturing the city up-close-and-personal yet with a remarkably sleek touch. It's a fine-looking film, despite a budget (Ferrante hints) some-

where between \$1 million and \$2 million and a shooting schedule (he swears) of just 18 days.

"I had only been to New York a few times," Ferrante, who grew up in Northern California, said recently, "and getting to come here and shoot at all these landmarks, I was like a kid in a candy store. When they told me, 'You only get Times Square for two hours, and with only a crew of eight,' I said, 'OK, let's do it!' We shot the whole ferry scene in 15 minutes on the ride back from Liberty Island."

Among the many star turns, Today personalities Matt Lauer and Al Roker do some of the best work of their lives providing poker-faced coverage of the raging disaster.

But the film will sink its teeth into you from its first moments as you join Fin and April on their terrifying airline flight. Fasten your seatbelt for a wicked homage. This Sharknado is the very definition of scared silly.

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Where have you Ben? Kevin Smith wonders what happened to bromance

Kevin Smith used to be able to count on Ben Affleck for anything — even a cameo in *Clerks 2*. But not anymore. “We’re not f—ing tight. I have not been (close with him) in decades. That’s old Ben. He’s got a wife that don’t care for me at all,” Smith told Yahoo Movies, referring to Jennifer Garner. “And plus, honestly,

he probably don’t care for me at all anymore. He’s a triple-A-list movie star and s— like that. If he’s Jimmy Carter, I’m Billy Carter, to put it in ’70s terms. And I’m not even related and s—.”

That may sound rough, but Smith’s rep was quick to clarify it was all “simply a joke and taken completely out of context.”

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The Word

Chris Pratt: The incredible growing- shrinking machine



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Chris Pratt’s waistline has been having quite the adventure. As the actor has been more than happy to discuss, he’s packed on and peeled off plenty of pounds for his various roles, getting into impressive shape to play a Navy SEAL in *Zero Dark Thirty* (230 lbs.) then flabbing out to play a heavyset lawyer in the *Delivery Man*

(295 lbs.), then getting buff again for *Guardians of the Galaxy* (225 lbs.).

Mention that some of the body image issues projected on women by Hollywood might be crossing the gender divide, and he sounds almost proud. “Are you saying that I might be responsible for giving men body issues? That’s the nicest thing anyone has ever said to me,” he jokes.

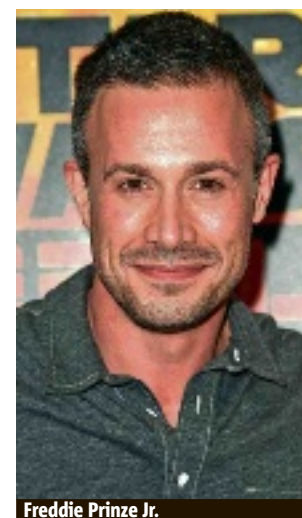
But seriously, folks: “I’m sure I can’t relate to what females go through in Hollywood. I do know what it feels like to eat emotionally, to be sad and make yourself happy with food, and then be almost immediately sad and ashamed to try to hide those feelings with more food. It’s a vicious cycle and a very real thing,” he says.

Freddie’s fed up: He’s got 24 problems and Kiefer is one

If you’re wondering where Freddie Prinze Jr. has been for the last few years, it’s sitting at home and seething about Kiefer Sutherland. The *She’s All That* star opened up to ABC News about how working on Sutherland’s 24 almost drove him into early retirement.

“Kiefer was the most unprofessional dude in the world. That’s not me talking trash, I’d say it to his face, I think everyone that’s worked with him has said that,” Prinze says. “I just wanted to quit the business after that. So, I just sort of stopped. I went and worked for Vince McMahon at (professional wrestling organization) WWE, for Christ’s sake. And it was a crazier job than working with Kiefer. But at least he was cool and tall. I didn’t have to take my shoes off to do scenes with him, which they made me do. Just put the guy on an apple box or don’t hire me next time. You know I’m 6 feet and he’s 5-foot-4.”

Prinze also says Suther-



Freddie Prinze Jr.

land would regularly show up to work drunk and sit in his trailer for hours, keeping everyone waiting. Sutherland’s rep fired back: “Kiefer worked with Freddie Prinze, Jr. more than five years ago, and this is the first he has heard of Freddie’s grievances. Kiefer enjoyed working with Freddie and wishes him the best.”

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Trend

Adults-only September escapes

Latin resorts have a nickname for September: Septi-hambre (instead of Septiembre), hambre meaning hunger. When back to school hits, their hotel rooms and beaches are empty. Perfect timing for Sunwing's Adults Only discounts: up to 60 per cent off one-week all-inclusives for September departures to four- and five-star spots in Mexico, Cuba, the Dominican, Panama and more. Visit Sunwing.ca. **DOUG WALLACE/METRO**



TIM STEWART

El Salvador: The best kept secret in Central America

Get there before everyone else. Passed over in favour of more popular destinations like Costa Rica, this tiny nation has plenty to offer visitors

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It was a cold night in December when my pal and I popped open a bottle of wine and started planning our two-week surf trip down Central America's Pacific coast.

Stops in Costa Rica and Nicaragua were musts, as the countries boast some of the best surf scenes in that corner of the globe. But another country had grabbed our attention: El Salvador.

Everything we read talked of the unspoiled beaches, the nascent tourism industry that made your dollar stretch, and the excellent surf. It might have been our curiosity. It might have been the wine. But within the hour we had booked a flight to the capital San Salvador and exchanged a high five.

"You did what?" was my mother's response to the news. "Isn't there a war going on there?"

"Not since the early '90s, mom," I said.

Twenty years on, El Salvador is still trying to shake the violent reputation it gained from that long, brutish civil war that stretched over a decade and saw children recruited as soldiers and civilians terrorized by



El Salvador's beaches are beautiful and void of the crowds you'll see in more popular spots like Costa Rica.

LIZ BROWN/METRO

massacres. It's been a long recovery but the nation that has emerged is on the path towards healing and excited by the prospect of sharing its treasures with visitors.

Any trepidation we felt as we flew towards San Salvador in March dissipated when we walked out of the airport to meet a clean-cut surfer named Jaime holding a placard with our names scrawled on it.

We'd arranged the ride through Papayas, a hostel town called El Tunco, about a 45-minute drive from the San

Salvador airport.

Following a stilted conversation of broken English and Spanish, he piled our backpacks into his Nissan truck and we hit the highway.

We spent three days in this little town taking surf lessons, gorging on fresh fruit and fried Salvadoran fare and partying late into the night. While we spent two weeks in Central America, we both agreed those first three days were the highlight of our trip.

Here's why you should plan your own Salvadoran adventure.

The cost

We nabbed a room with an ensuite bathroom at Papayas Surf Lodge, three minutes from the beach, for \$22 a night. The beds were clean and comfortable and the lodge had a small pool and kitchen for those who wanted to cook. There are a handful of restaurants to choose from in town (the town consists of two main dirt roads where all of the eateries, shops and bars are clustered). The cost of dinner ranged from \$1 for three pupusas (fried tortilla with cheese, meat and beans) from a street vendor to about \$6 for North American fare

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from a patio restaurant on the beach. The meals washed down easily with \$1.50 beers. Surf lessons are \$10 an hour. Just take the main road to the beach where buff surfer boys hang out hounding you to hire them.

The empty beaches

The three days we spent in El Tunco were midweek, so we missed the weekend rush when the locals from San Salvador come out to play. That said, it was still high season in Central America (March) and at times we were the only surfers at the beach. There are some breaks further away from El Tunco for more skilled surfers, but the beach near Papayas offers a consistent mid-size wave that's perfect for learning with the added bonus you don't have to worry about running a kid over with your board (a very real risk at some of the more popular spots in Costa Rica). This isn't a white sand Caribbean beach — it's pebbly and dark with volcanic rock — but the waves are good and the sun shines.

Book tourism. Outlander trip a fan's page-turner

Hardcore fans of Diana Gabaldon's epic fantasy romance series, Outlander, are seriously being spoiled this year.

Following the hotly anticipated TV series of the same name (premiering Aug. 24 on Showcase, just in case you've been living under a set of Standing Stones), Outlander enthusiasts can now travel to Scotland and completely immerse themselves in the world of time-travelling lovers Jamie Fraser and Claire Beauchamp Randall by way of a specially designed, seven-day Outlander tour.

Beginning in Edinburgh, fans will be taken on their own Scottish adventure, visiting some of the key locations used in filming the series and sites that inspired Gabaldon while writing the books.

Highlights of the tour include exploring the cobblestone streets of the Royal Mile and Edinburgh's Old Town, a visit to Doune Castle (Castle Leoch in the novel) and a trip to Loch Ness. There are also tours of Glencoe and Fort William.

Of course, it wouldn't be an official Outlander tour without



Fans can immerse themselves in the lives of the Outlander characters on a new tour.

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sampling some of what the Scottish like to call The Water of Life (also Jamie's favourite drink) with a visit to a whisky distillery.

Tours are limited to a maximum of 16 people, so no doubt tickets will sell fast (double rates start at \$1,005). The first trip is scheduled for Oct. 31, but six trips have just been added for 2015 (May 11, June 8, July 13, Aug. 17, Sept. 14, Oct. 12; booking for next year begins in early October). For further information, head over to the website: rabbies.com

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Air travel

A peek at the perks of flying first class

The front of the plane; where beds lie flat, jackets hang neatly, cookies come warmed and drinks flow freely. But what are the secret perks? With the assistance of Cheapflights.ca, I got the scoop on what are inside those coveted amenity bags.



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Air Canada

Inside this navy coloured kit are soft cotton socks, a pair of grey ear plugs, a light grey eye shade that's soft to the touch, a toothbrush with a five-gram tube of Colgate toothpaste and a Mentos mint. The skin care products include bergamot body lotion, a refreshing cleansing cloth and a lime-peppermint lip balm. It's best for no-nonsense travellers who are rich enough to fly Business Class but don't want bling cluttering up their cabinets.



Delta

Made by Tumi, this travel kit is a small, woven-effect black purse containing a multitude of goodies. The branding is no-nonsense, black and sleek; the eye mask and cosy socks are wrapped in red card saying "sleep," the hand wipe is labelled "clean" and the ear plugs "quiet." Also included is shoe polish, a shoe horn, comb, tissue, pen and 50 grams of Crest and dental floss (a first). By far the most generous of all the kits collected by Cheapflights.ca, travellers looking for quality and quantity will love this kit.



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Etihad's limited-edition kits were created and produced by Sougha, a social enterprise initiative that's preserving the Emirati heritage and promoting local artisans. The patterns of the kits evoke the romance of Bedouin tents. The diamond-level kit includes soft brown socks and an eye mask that's as soft as suede, as well as roll-on pulse point oil, pillow mist, a toothbrush and toothpaste, cotton buds, pads and emery board, lip balm, hand balm and facial moisturizer by Le Labo.



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Why earning a wage while being educated is worth every penny

Success in the sit-down. In addition to the extra cash, there are many upsides of working as a student

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As a student, you're perpetually short on time — there are always readings to do, exams to study for, events to attend, friends to see.

If you don't have to work while you're in school, it's understandable that you wouldn't want to.

But if you have the choice, I urge you to consider taking on a part-time job even if it's only for a few hours each week. Here's why:

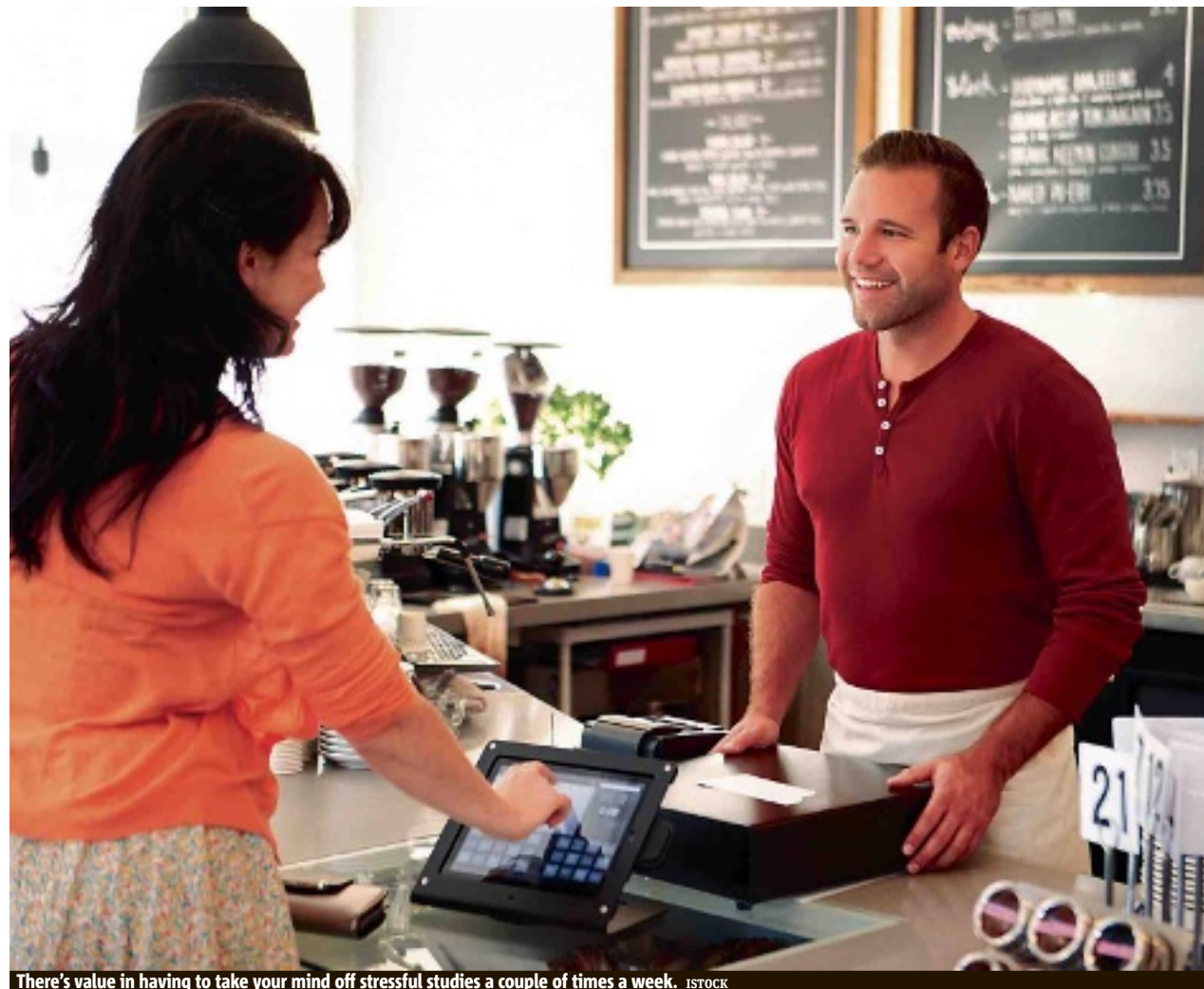
You'll become really good at using your time well

Being busier overall can actually make you more productive, since procrastinating simply isn't an option.

It will also help you to improve your time-management skills since you'll have to learn how to be smart with your time to succeed at both school and work.

The work experience you gain will be invaluable

Even if it's not related to what you plan to do after school, a part-time job will give you real-world experi-



There's value in having to take your mind off stressful studies a couple of times a week. ISTOCK

ence that you just can't get from a textbook or a lecture.

Plus, it's a chance to try out jobs you're considering for your career.

You could learn more

about what you do (or don't!) want to achieve professionally.

Networking and building long-term professional relationships

Some of the most influential people I've ever met have been my employers, and I've built relationships with them that have lasted for years.

They've been good

friends and great role models and have given me good references to boot (something I was very thankful for when I started looking for work after finishing my undergrad).

Staff privileges

Many jobs come with perks like discounts on merchandise or free food and drinks during your shift, which can help you to save some of the precious money you're earning.

- So if you're thinking about whether or not you want to take on a part-time job, make sure you consider the non-monetary benefits to working while you're still in school.

It might even help you to recharge

They say that a change is often as good as a rest — working will give your mind a break from school, which will help you feel refreshed when you hit the books after a shift at work.

You'll get more than just a title

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In this day and age, who wouldn't dream of working in the popular field of social media?

Job opportunities in social media have started to grow in popularity among the millennial generation — and many organizations have a high demand for professionals in this area.

There are a number of skills that can make you an asset in this field, and many of them require just a little investment of time and energy outside the classroom.

Strong writing skills

While social media professionals often tackle a number of small writing tasks (think: 140 characters) instead of large

ones, you'll still need excellent writing skills to get ahead in this field.

In addition to being a grammar wizard, you'll also need to communicate effectively using the written word.

This is a key skill for any career, but when you're the person behind a brand's online presence, it is absolutely mandatory that you be able to write effective and engaging content.

Customer service skills

You might not think to connect your experience in customer service with a job opportunity that involves social media.

However, careers in social media involve dealing with the public all the time.

While you may be connecting with people from the other side of a screen, knowing how to deal with different customer inquiries and complaints is vital to your continued success.

Dedication & passion

Working in social media is not a nine-to-five job.

You will often have to work around the clock and on week-



The number of major social media platforms is rapidly growing. How many are you a part of? ISTOCK

ends. The online community never sleeps, and neither do your fans and customers.

This is particularly true if you work for a business that is

open seven days a week.

There's good news. If you're dedicated and passionate about social media and community management, it won't feel like

Personality

You have to have personality in order to be a social media professional. Why?

- To represent the brands and organizations you're working for, you're going to have to channel several different personalities.
- Sometimes you may need to be casual, and at other times you may need to be corporate. A social media professional one must be able to assume any sort of personality, voice and tone thrown their way.
- A big part of getting started in social media is balancing learning and experience. While there's no substitute for hands-on work, it's important to plan your career with the major skills you'll need in mind.

work to be constantly tuned into your social media channels; it should be second nature.

Willingness to learn

Social media is rapidly changing.

Since you've started reading this article, it's probably already changed in some way, shape or form, or a new trend has appeared. If you plan on pursuing a career in social media, you'll

have to be ready to keep up.

If you're looking for a career where your learning stops the minute you graduate school, social media isn't for you.

You can't be an expert in social media without staying up-to-date — and you have to be willing to accept that.

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Steamed Lemongrass Mussels. To cool or not to cool? The choice is yours with this refreshing dinner option



**DINNER
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Fragrant lemongrass fills the air with a citrus aroma while the mussels steam to produce a flavourful juice. The juicy mussels are loaded with flavours that entice you into the rest of your Thai experience. This dish is great served hot or cold.

1. Trim top and end of lemongrass. Remove outer layers. Using back of knife gently bruise stalks. Cut in half lengthwise, then crosswise into slices.
2. In Dutch oven or large saucepan, heat oil over medium

Ingredients

- 2 stalks lemongrass
- 2 tsp (20 ml) canola oil
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 Thai bird chili pepper, sliced (or 1/4 tsp/1 ml hot pepper flakes)
- 1/4 cup (50 ml) white wine or sodium-reduced vegetable broth
- 1/4 cup (50 ml) water
- 2 tsp (10 ml) fish or sodium-reduced soy sauce
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) grated lime rind
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) fresh lime juice
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) chopped fresh coriander
- 2 pkgs (907 g each) mussels, bearded and rinsed

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heat. Add lemongrass, garlic and pepper; cook stirring for 1 minute or until fragrant. Add wine, water, fish sauce, lime rind and juice and half of the coriander.

3. Bring to boil; add mussels. Cover and cook, stirring once, for about 5 minutes or until all mussels are open. Discard any mussels that do not open. Pour onto large platter; sprinkle

Chill out!

Chilled Option: Cook as above. Transfer mussels to bowl. Boil liquid for about 5 minutes or until reduced by half. Remove mussels from shells and add to reduced liquid. Reserve half of each shell. Cover and refrigerate mussels and shells for at least one hour or up to 24 hours. Arrange shells on lettuce-lined platter; fill each with mussel and drizzle remaining liquid over top; sprinkle with remaining coriander.

with remaining coriander.

Go clam digging in pasta

White clams, bacon, mushrooms, sweet green peas, roasted tomatoes, and garlic in a white wine cream sauce, finished with shaved Parmesan. Need we say more?

To make this dish even easier, you can purchase cooked, frozen clams from the seafood section of your local grocery store.

Many bags come with clam juice already inside.

1. Melt the butter and olive oil in large saucepan on medium high heat until both are bubbling.
2. Add the chopped garlic and mushrooms. Sauté for about one minute. Add the white wine and clam juice. Reduce until liquid is about half gone.
3. Add the cherry tomatoes and stir for 30 seconds. Add cream and reduce heat to medium. Allow cream to bubble for about 30 seconds.
4. Add clams, peas and bacon. Gently stir pan until all ingredients are coated. Season with a few pinches of salt and pepper.
5. Add linguini. Gently stir again until all pasta is coated in sauce. Remove from heat.



This recipe serves four. FIONN MACCOOL'S

6. Divide pasta evenly into four serving bowls. Sprinkle each bowl with Parmesan

cheese and parsley.
**RECIPE FROM CHEF BRYAN JUREK
OF FIONN MACCOOL'S**

Ingredients

- 4 tbsps (60 ml) butter
- 4 tsp (20 ml) olive oil
- 5 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 10 button mushrooms, thinly sliced
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) white wine
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) clam juice
- 20 cherry tomatoes
- 3/4 cup (180 ml) 35% Cream
- 40 white clams, cooked, drained
- 1/2 cup (120 ml) green peas
- 6 slices bacon, cooked, finely chopped
- 4 cups linguini, cooked
- Salt and pepper
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Complaint

UNB's hockey discrimination case will proceed

A complaint of discrimination over a decision by the University of New Brunswick to eliminate varsity women's hockey will proceed after a tribunal on Tuesday rejected the school's attempt to have the case thrown out.

Sylvia Bryson has been fighting to have the women's hockey team reinstated as a varsity squad since filing her complaint in 2009, a year after the team was stripped of its funding and downgraded to a competitive sports club.

Bryson, who played for the team, alleges that the decision to downgrade the women's team constitutes discrimination on the basis of sex. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

NFL

Sensitivity training ramped up

To guard against another Miami Dolphins bullying scandal, NFL teams are holding sensitivity sessions during training camp.

Such guidance could be valuable for St. Louis Rams players, even if by all accounts they've welcomed Michael Sam, the NFL's first openly gay player, into the fold.

The worst hazing Rams rookies face is toting veteran players' helmets off the practice field. Coach Jeff Fisher says no one is made to sing at dinner time.

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Duty calls Genie Army to Montreal

Rogers Cup. Members of Bouchard's fan club from Down Under will make long journey to cheer her on

They're armed with T-shirts, face paint and posters — and they're headed to Montreal.

Founding members of the Genie Army, a group of Eugenie Bouchard supporters who cheered for the rising tennis star during the Australian Open in January, will be in the city for the Rogers Cup, beginning this weekend.

The fan club is made up of about a dozen people, and six of them are making the long journey to Canada for the tournament.

"We thought it would be a great chance to support Genie in her hometown and have the home crowd cheer along with us," said Stephen Ganavas, a 17-year-old student living in Melbourne.

Dressed in red and white and waving a banner with her name, the Genie Army emerged as Bouchard's unofficial cheering section during an impressive run in January. She ended up losing to the eventual winner, Li Na, in the semifinal.

The Australian devotees, mostly men in their early 20s, readily admit they have no ties



The Genie Army cheers Eugenie Bouchard as she walks off the court at the Australian Open in Melbourne on Jan. 15. Six of the group's 12 founding members will be in Montreal for the Rogers Cup, beginning this weekend. **ANDREW BROWNBILL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

to Canada and no connection with Bouchard. They acknowledge the tall blond's looks may have played a part in their decision to support her.

Ganavas said he and his friends also wanted to back an "up-and-comer" in the tournament, and Bouchard fit the bill to a T after showing her potential at Wimbledon in 2013.

"Genie is great because she is so genuine and down-to-earth," he said in an email

exchange.

"For example, after she had just lost at the Australian Open to Li Na, she came out onto the grounds and just had a chat with us when she could have been relaxing and thinking about the match she had just lost."

It's been a landmark year for Bouchard.

After her success in Australia, the 20-year-old made it all the way to the semis in the

Near the top

6

Eugenie Bouchard enters the Rogers Cup at No. 7 in the world rankings but will serve as the tournament's sixth seed.

French Open in June before playing in the Wimbledon final on July 5.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Warner on the mark with career choice



Damian Warner prepares for a throw in the javelin during the decathlon in Glasgow, Scotland, on Tuesday. **CAMERON SPENCER/GETTY IMAGES**

Damian Warner's choice to pursue a career in track-and-field has paid off with a gold medal.

The 24-year-old from London, Ont., won the men's decathlon in dominant fashion Tuesday at the Commonwealth Games.

The victory was Warner's first on the international stage, and he spent his victory lap stopping to meet all the kids clamouring for pictures.

"It's always awesome, running around with the country's flag," he said. "I tell ya, we took a lot of selfies out there, a lot of those kids have their cellphones out."

Warner scored 8,282 to win his only decathlon of the sea-

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son; he was hampered earlier by a leg injury. England's Ashley Bryant won the silver with 8,109 points.

Growing up, Warner considered pursuing basketball

or football — he was strong in both, and was and still is a huge Toronto Raptors and Vince Carter fan.

He didn't choose decathlon until after high school and said there is plenty to learn before the Rio Olympics, where he's sure to be a medal favourite.

"The biggest thing I learned (in Glasgow) is you've just always got to compete," he said. "The last couple of days I've had some events that I was not happy about, but I've got to get on to the next one."

"It's something you've got to keep imprinting on your brain. You get upset about events, you've just got to keep moving forward and keep working." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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2014 Kia Forte Koup

- **Type:** Two-door, front-wheel-drive compact coupe
- **Engines:** 2.0-litre four-cylinder (173 hp), 1.6-litre turbo four (201 hp)
- **Transmission:** Six-speed manual, six-speed automatic
- **Base price:** \$22,480, including destination

Market position

For folks seeking a sporty looking car that is also fun to drive, practical, and relatively cheap to buy and operate. Prime demographic is young people and empty nesters, who don't need four doors and a big back seat. Design officer Peter Schreyer is pushing Kia design toward a European look and feel.

Points

- Shares underpinnings with its corporate cousin, the Hyundai Elantra.
- This is the second generation for Koup, and the first to get a turbo-charged engine option.
- Looks the sportiest of the Forte clan, but the five-door also gets the extra sporty stuff, like turbo engine offering and suspension tweaks.



The sleek roofline compromises rear visibility and trunk access.

Safety features

Six airbags, obstacle-detecting power windows, child-seat tethers, rear parking camera, automatic headlights, side-view mirror signal repeaters, four-wheel disc brakes with ABS, electronic stability control, vehicle stability management, hill assist control, auto dimming rear mirror.

Sporty Koup lacks edginess

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Review. Two-door version of Kia's Forte gets more of everything over sedan

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With the arrival of the all-new Kia Forte sedan, it was just a matter of time before the five-door hatchbacks and two-door coupes showed up.

As it did with the previous generation of Fortes, Kia decided to give the two-door model its own name: the Koup. And the company has honestly tried to make the Koup its own vehicle.

The 2014 Koup only shares its hood and front fenders with its siblings, and

flaunts more of everything compared to its predecessor — more power, more style, a longer and wider stance, and just a wee bit more rear-seat legroom.

The coupe format prioritizes the driver's needs for style and at-the-wheel fun. It's perfect, for example, for young people who have yet to experience the misery (or joy) of having to concern themselves with the all-encompassing needs of offspring.

New engines include a 2.0-litre direct-injection four cylinder, which grunts out 173 horsepower, the equal amount of the previous 2.4-litre engine, and a 201-hp, 1.6-litre turbo, which debuted earlier as the upgraded engine for the Veloster — the other compact sporty coupe in the Hyun-



The modern, quiet cabin is built with high-grade materials.

dai-Kia arsenal.

That turbo, only available on the Koup's up-level SX trim, seems to suggest Kia might be eyeing the upper echelons of the compact sports coupe wars, where the Honda Civic Si and Golf

GTi screech their tires.

Even with the new engine, however, the Koup is not really positioned to prosper in that subcategory, which appeals more to outright gearheads. The Koup doesn't have the steering

feel and overall edginess of those two.

But we're sure Kia was aiming for a different experience, anyway, one where the driver can confidently fling the vehicle around, and bask in a style and interior experience that belies its price class.

This personal-luxury feel is created by a very quiet cabin, built with high-grade materials and rendered in a modern style.

The sleek roofline means compromises to rear visibility and the size of the trunk access. But the trunk is fairly large, and the rear seats fold forward. It was easy to slide my bicycle into the back.

Friends may have trouble getting into the rear seats, but, overall, the Koup is a very upbeat vehicle that you and your friends will enjoy.

5 DRIVE

Tweaks, turbos and air flow help boost power

Driving Force. From race cars to family cars, there are several ways to improve performance

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Whether it's to make a sports car faster, or for better performance in an everyday car, auto manufacturers often increase the horsepower in their engines. In some cases, they'll even tweak a single engine design to get a lower- and higher-horsepower version out of it. It's a process that involves several methods, employed alone or in combination.

"Horsepower is the measure of work an engine can do," says Chris Nowak, senior manager of product development for Chrysler's Mopar division. "With any amount of fuel into the engine, it's how much useful motion I can get out of the car."

Most cars run on gasoline,



Dodge gets as much as 707 horsepower out of its Challenger engine. CHRYSLER CANADA

but they mix it with large volumes of air and then burn this volatile vapour to create power. It isn't enough to just pour in more gas.

"At some point, you will saturate the engine and it won't run properly," Nowak

says. "You want to add more air."

One way to do this is to add a turbocharger or supercharger. These devices attach to the engine and force air into it when more power is needed, such as when you

press hard on the throttle. The engine's computers respond by increasing the flow of fuel, which in turn increases the power.

When extra air goes in, it has to go out to make room for more, so engineers also

improve how the engine "breathes." A freer-flowing exhaust system will still muffle the sound and reduce pollutants, but it reduces back pressure on the engine. Engineers carefully balance the air going into the engine with the amount going out.

Another step is to calibrate the engine by programming its control module.

"The calibration tells the engine how to mix the air and fuel, how much, and at what r.p.m.," Nowak says. "You could tune the intake or the exhaust alone, and that would give you an increase in horsepower, but the calibration is where you maximize performance."

Some performance kits include a cold-air intake, which draws cool fresh air into the engine, rather than the hot air in the engine compartment. Cold air is denser, so more oxygen is drawn in, which more effectively burns in the combustion chamber to power the engine.

Race-car drivers substantially increase horsepower by rebuilding their engines

Need for speed

- "Horsepower" was coined by inventor James Watt. It's believed he measured a pony pulling up a 330-pound coal bucket 100 feet in one minute, which was one horsepower.

- Engines also have torque, a measurement of the twisting force that eventually turns the wheels. A car with high torque will accelerate faster than one with low torque.

- Auto companies "tune" the exhaust note to give performance cars a sportier sound.

with speed-specific internal components, but this can be extremely expensive. Everyday car owners can buy add-ons, such as cold-air intakes or freer-flowing exhaust systems, to get more power at a fraction of the race-car cost.

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What test car is Garry bringing us this week? We literally have no clue what he's bringing us until it lands in our driveway, but who are we to doubt Garry Sowerby, who has a bazillion Guinness records for around-the-world driving? That's a bazillion more than we have, after all. Come along and find out as we drive 'em, dirty 'em and shoot 'em with our phone cams. These are real-life, no-glam reviews.

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Looks like a deal at \$50,000, but is a Hyundai really worth it?

Special delivery. New Genesis is attractive, very well-equipped, powerful and drives great, despite the relatively low price

The sticking point is not whether Hyundai can sell cars costing \$50,000 or more. It's whether the car in question is worth \$50,000.

The new 2015 Genesis is therefore about perspective.

"Pretty nice, isn't it?" Garry says as he hops out and tosses me the key thing.

Pretty nice, indeed.

The thing that people have to come to grips with is that \$50,000 is actually not an abnormally huge amount of money for a well-turned-out full-size (gigantic, in this case) luxury car.

A case in point is the \$90,000 Audi A6 diesel we recently tested, which of course is smaller than the Genesis. The Lexus LS starts in the mid-\$80,000 range. The Cadillac CTS Vsport (also smaller than the Hyundai) we recently tested was also pushing \$80,000. The Acura RLX is closer, at \$50,000.

So, a \$53,000 Hyundai has



The 2015 Hyundai Genesis looks like a luxury car, starting with its long, wide snout. JEFF MELNYCHUK

to be a deal, right? Well, getting back to the original question, it has to do with whether you feel like you're getting 50-grand worth of car relative to whatever else is out there

and the answer is easily yes.

The Genesis 3.8 Technology model I tested has the base 311-horsepower 3.8-litre V6, as well as the HTRAC all-wheel-drive system. The car is spilling over with modern crash-mitigating electronics and boasts a great 14-speaker Lexicon stereo that was set to some hip-hop station Garry likes. Please.

But what makes the Genesis worth the price is that it actually looks and feels like it's worth it — from the ride and drive quality to its side profile, long nose and satin-nickel trim pieces.

And the engine! OK, a V8 is available, but it's just not necessary. The 3.8 is plenty peppy, partially due to the eight-speed automatic transmission, while returning acceptable fuel performance.

With premium brands de-emphasizing engine size and power, it matters less that the 3.8 is shared with the lesser

Bang for the buck

The 2015 Hyundai Genesis will give other luxury brands a run for the money.

- The Genesis starts at \$43,000; our test vehicle was \$53,000.
- The base model comes with a V6 3.8-litre engine and an eight-speed automatic transmission.

No stigma here

"Most people I talked to were over the moon with the Genesis' looks, which is, believe it or not, a huge deal at this level. It helps that the car gets its own unique winged logo."

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Hyundai and not a Mercedes or BMW, that's not really the case. Most people I talked to were over the moon with the Genesis's looks, which is, believe it or not, a huge deal at this level.

It helps that the car gets its own unique winged logo, so you can't really tell who makes it.

Failing that, if a Cadillac driver turns his nose up at you, remind him about the 1981 Cimmaron (Google it).

Hyundai did such a good job on this car that it calls into question the relevance of its more expensive Equus model, which starts at \$65,000.

In fact, the company might do better to pay attention to the gap in the lineup between the smaller Sonata and the Genesis, which is more of a chasm, really.

But as far as the Genesis goes, it is "pretty nice," Garry, you are the master of understatement.



The luxury sedan is filled with modern electronics and technology, including a great 14-speaker Lexicon stereo system.

Genesis coupe or the Santa Fe. Honestly, no one should care.

The beauty is that there are actually two Genesis models below this particular mod-

el, starting at \$43,000. Looks like the large-car deal of the decade, eh?

And if you're worried whether people will think you're a wannabe by driving a

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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

♈ Aries

March 21 - April 20

You may feel you have gone as far as you can go with a project but don't give up on it yet. If you do you will most likely regret it next month when the omens are more favourable.

♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 21

There is a danger that you will overreact to criticism and say or do something that comes back to haunt you. At home and work, think before replying.

♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

One huge effort may get you past an obstacle, but will it have an adverse effect on your health? The planets urge you to take a more relaxed attitude to do what you have to do.

♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Do something about your cash flow situation but make sure it does not risk everything. Have you convinced yourself that things are worse than they are?

♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

The Sun at odds with Neptune means your imagination is working overtime. You will be more creative than usual, but don't expect everyone else to go along with your plans.

♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

All you want is to be left alone for a while — is that too much to ask? Find a quiet place you can call your own and think about the meaning of life.

♎ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Everything that occurs in your life is part of a deeper plan, so don't try too hard to change things because it's unlikely to happen. Let fate take its course.

♏ Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

If you approach a task in a negative frame of mind, you won't much enjoy it. But if you pretend you have been looking forward to it, how easy it is might surprise you.

♐ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Be open to alternative viewpoints. The world is changing faster than ever and those who don't try to keep up will get left behind quicker than they anticipated.

♑ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Don't come on too strong today or you could turn people against you and, in doing so, damage both your reputation and your earning power.

♒ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Because the Sun makes a difficult aspect to Neptune, planet of illusion, today make sure that your dreams have a solid basis in reality.

♓ Pisces

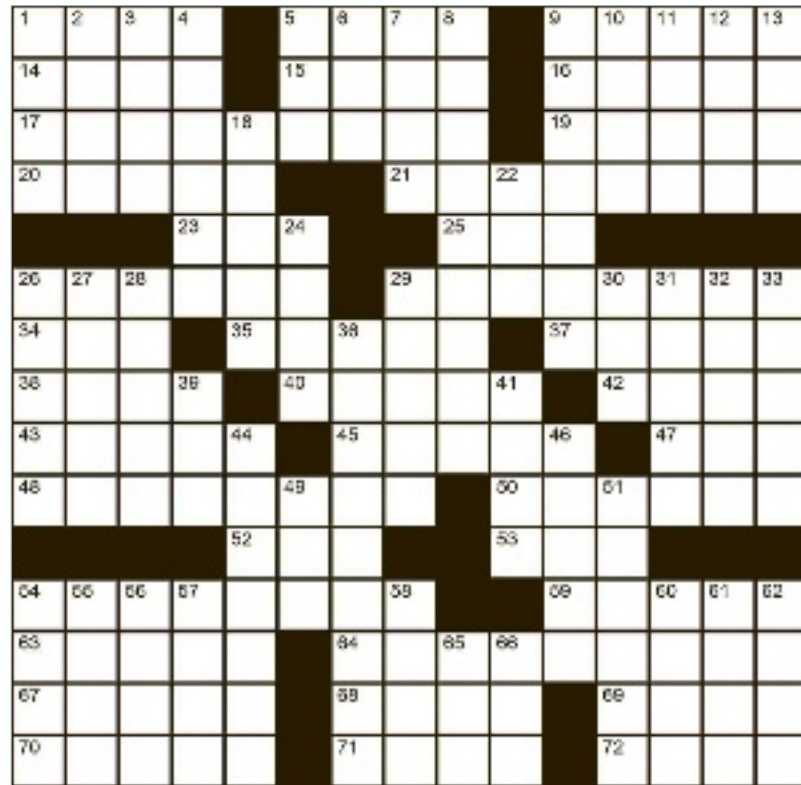
Feb. 20 - March 20

If a co-worker says something hurtful don't take it to heart. You should take it as a sign that you are on the right track. They obviously feel threatened. Keep doing what you're doing.

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan

Across

1. ___ and dry
5. Gladiator's 2900
9. Please = SVP = S'il vous ___
14. Bryan Adams album: '___ the Fire'
15. Brad Pitt's ancient film
16. ___-Barbera (Cartoons)
17. 1971 Mordecai Richler novel, ___ Horsemans
19. Playwright Mr. Chekhov
20. Pasta selection
21. Parliament Hill ceremony, ___ of the Guard
23. Deplete
25. Fruity drink
26. Light ___
29. Quebec City: ___ Monastery National Historic Site of Canada
34. Owned
35. ___ idea (Doesn't realize): 2 wds.
37. "___ Acapulco" (1963) starring Elvis
38. Patron saint of Norway
40. "...to ___ own self be true..." - Shakespeare
42. Water-to-wine biblical site
43. "Romeo and Juliet" actor Milo
45. Video game name
47. Bird's 'bill' in Boucherville
48. Bling for footwear



50. Michael J. Fox's mouse-voice movie, "___ Little" (1999)
52. Bible boat
53. East: French
54. Canadian ice cream company
59. Space shadow
63. Varlet
64. ___ Valley, Nova

Scotia

67. Grant
68. Conked out
69. Brood
70. The ___ MacNeils (Celtic band from Cape Breton)
71. Canadian War Museum current exhibition... Transforma-

tions - A.Y. Jackson & ___ Dix

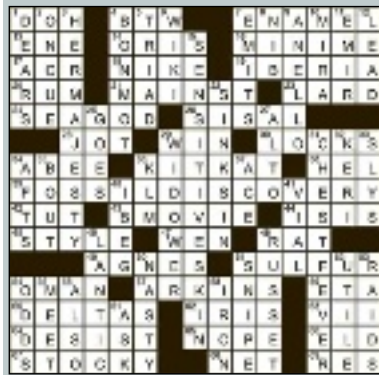
72. Uno + dos = ___
- Down**
1. Bit of bangs
 2. Poker stake
 3. Stupefy
 4. Nest pest
 5. Kingston Trio lettered song

6. Hosp. picture

7. Regarding [abbr.]
8. The Knack hit: 2 wds.
9. Elisha Cuthbert's hockey player hubby Dion
10. French or English, e.g.
11. Against

12. Get ___ the ground floor
13. Orange drink mix
18. Sandy spot
22. Promos
24. "What's ___?"
26. Gets bugs to go bye-bye
27. Brandon ___ (Jason Priestley role)
28. Boise's state
29. Cohesiveness
30. Captain Jean-___ Picard
31. DWTS judge Carrie Ann
32. San Francisco footballer, colloquially
33. Legislate
36. Ian Ziering movie thriller
39. Cost
41. Gaelic
44. Town in south-eastern Saskatchewan
46. "___ to you." (Your choice!)
49. Period
51. Greatest extent
54. Zodiac creature
55. "That's ___ Heartache Begins" by Patsy Cline
56. Culture medium
57. Contented cat's call
58. Huffy-puffy mood
60. '90s British band
61. Irritate
62. Inquires
65. Meshwork
66. Commotiom

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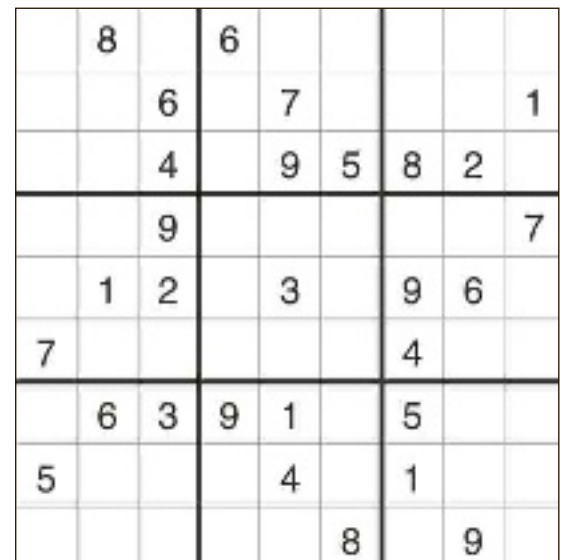


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